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ATTN: MARTIN MENDELSON, INS.

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CGEN, (WAR CRIMES TRIALS)

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT FOR INS PROSECUTOR MENDELSON WITH
GOY OFFICIALS

REF: LENINGRAD 02029 (NOTAL)

1. IN RESPONSE TO INS PROSECUTOR MENDELSON'S REQUEST
FOR MEETING WITH ARTUKOVIC PROSECUTORS IN BELGRADE (REFTEL):
YUGOSLAVS HAD NOT BEEN CONTACTED

2. WE SHALL ATTEMPT THROUGH EMBASSY BELGRADE TO ARRANGE
APPOINTMENTS, BUT WE ARE PESSIMISTIC. MOST YUGOSLAV
OFFICIALS ARE ON VACATION AND ABSENT FROM BELGRADE DURING
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MONTH OF AUGUST. THUS, MENDELSON MAY ARRIVE IN BELGRADE
AND FIND THAT THERE ARE NO RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS TO MEET
WIT;. MOREOVER, WITH ONLY ONE WEEK IN WHICH TO MAKE
ARRANGEMENTS, WE MAY NOT KNOW WHETHER MEETINGS ARE
POSSIBLE UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE.

3. (NOTE TO MOSCOW OR WARSAW FOR MENDELSON;) IN LIGHT

OF THOSE CONSIDERATIONS, PLEASE ADVISE EMBASSY BELGRADE
(INFO STATE: CA/SCS AND EUR/EE) WHETHER TO CONTINUE TO
PURSUE APPOINTMENTS AND WHERE TO CONTACT MENDELSON PRIOR
TO ARRIVAL IN BELGRADE

4. (NOTE TO BELGRADE:) PLEASE EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF
ARRANGING MEETINGS FOR MENDELSON WITH GOY AUTHORITIES
RESPONSIBLE FOR ARTUKOVIC CASE DURING WEEK OF JULY 31.
MENDELSON WOULD PREFER MONDAY OR TUESDAY APPOINTMENTS.
WE SUGGEST THAT FSFA LEGAL ADVISOR MILAN BULAJIC MAY BE
THE PROPER PERSON TO START WITH. INS INFORMS US THAT
MENDELSON WILL BE IN POLAND JULY 25 AND 26, AND CAN
BE CONTACTED THROUGH EMBASSY WARSAW. VANCE

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